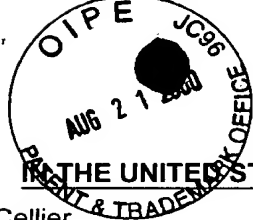


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Docket No. PD-980179

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In re Application of: Alfred Cellier  
Serial No.: 09/235,112  
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For: OVERHEAD SYSTEM OF INCLINED ECCENTRIC  
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Sir:  
Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

\_\_\_\_\_ Applicant petitions for an extension of time for \_\_\_\_\_ months(s) to respond to the Office Action dated \_\_\_\_\_. If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor.

\_\_\_\_\_ An extension for \_\_\_\_\_ months(s) has already been secured; the fee paid therefor of \_\_\_\_\_ is deducted from the total fee due for the total months of extension now requested. \_\_\_\_\_  
Extension fee due with this request \$ \_\_\_\_\_

☒ Applicant believes that no extension of time is required to respond to the Office Action dated June 7, 2000. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.

☒ No additional fee for claims is required.

\_\_\_\_\_ The fee for claims has been calculated as shown below:

CLAIMS AS AMENDED							
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TOTAL CLAIMS	minus 0	= 0	x \$ 18.00	\$-0-			
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MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS			+ \$ 260.00	\$			
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT:				\$ 0-			

Charge \$-0- to Deposit Account No. 50-0383 of Hughes Electronics Corporation, El Segundo, California. Please charge any additional fees for claims or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0383. If any additional extension fee is required, please charge to Deposit Account No. 50-0383. **This form is submitted in triplicate.**

Respectfully submitted,

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